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Part B for September, 1943.

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*Lands required for military Purposes in the State.
(Training - "Live on the Country Parties")*

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Training - "Live on the Country Parties".

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Letter No. C.L.O. 135/42-43 of 15.10.42 from the R.C. & C.L.O. Stating that permission of Govt. may be accorded for these parties to carry out the training within the confines of the Mysore State.

1) Subd for orders whether permission asked for may be accorded, as a formal requisition from the Resy awaited.

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2) we may give permission but R.C. may be asked for further details of the scheme. The Dist Magistrate should be only advised about the programme of the training parties visiting their etc.

3) May be subd to Law. Member.

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Training — "Live on the Country Parties".

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Letter No. C.L.O. 135/42-43 of 20.x.42
from the R.C. & C.L.O. fding copies of letters
of 12th & 17th insts. received from the Head Quarters,
Blore Area & requesting that permission may be
accorded for the "Live on the Country Parties".

4) In view of this letter of the C.L.O., it
is for orders whether further details of the
Scheme may be called for as ordered by
the Dewan in his minute overleaf (Para 2.)

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IN MYSORE

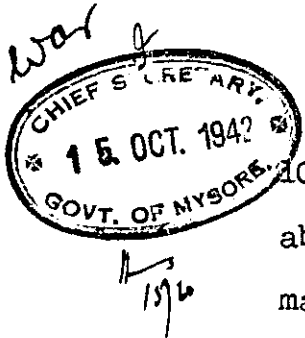
Dated ~~Bangalore~~, 15th October.....1942.
Camp: Mysore.

FROM Rajasevaprakashta
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esqr., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore. &
Civil Liaison Officer.

To	Mothamed-Ul-Mulk
No	Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esqr., B.A., LL.B., Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Camp: Mysore.
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SIR,

Subject:— Training - "Live on the Country Parties".
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In enclosing herewith a copy of letter No. 253/86/6/G dated 10-10-1942 together with that of its enclosure regarding the above, I have the honour to state that permission of Government may kindly be accorded for the parties to carry out the training referred to within the confines of Mysore State. I have discussed the subject with the Brigade Major and I am informed that this training is helpful in two ways, viz., Firstly it would make the mobile parties self-reliant and secondly it would help to disarm civilian fears that the Military are inclined to indulge in acts of violence or high handedness.

Further, the movement of these parties in disturbed areas would engender confidence in law-abiding citizens that acts of hooliganism on the part of misguided people will not be tolerated. I shall prepare the list of areas varying from 30 to 150 miles in distance from Bangalore in consultation with the Deputy Commissioners of concerned Districts after orders of Government approving the scheme are received.

No help of any kind is required for these parties as they are expected to rough it out.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Kesavaiengar
Revenue Commissioner, &
Civil Liaison Officer.

No.253/86/6/ G.
H.Q.,Bangalore Area.
10th October 1942

C.D.O.---Mr.Kesavaiengar.

Subject:---"Live on the country parties"

Ref. Conversation, C.L.O.-- B.M., speaking and copy of this H.Q.No.253/86/2/G dated 30 Sep.42 forwarded herewith for information.

It is requested that you will obtain the permission of your Government for these parties, approximate strength 30, to carry out this type of training within the confines of Mysore State.

2. It is proposed that they should proceed up to a maximum distance of about 150 miles from Bangalore and return to Bangalore under their own arrangements. It is requested, therefore, that, if your Government approves, you could supply this H.Q. with a list of areas varying from 30 to 150 miles in distance from Bangalore, from which these parties could start and it is pointed out that these parties will normally move out by either rail or road so that the areas selected should be accessible by at least one of these means of communication.

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No.253/86/2 G.
H.Q., Bangalore Area.
30th September 1942

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Subject:-- Training - "Live on the Country parties".

Both the Army Commander and the District Commander are very keen that the Army Comd's policy of sending out "Live on the Country" parties at once and subsequently, be implemented. These parties will normally go to places where there has been trouble.

2. In the case of Inf. a 10-day Pl March is the best possible trg. for young officers who should make up their own trg. scheme

scheme and aim to cover not less than 160 miles on foot.

3. Naturally the Railway may be used to start the Pl a reasonable distance from home and to enable it to cover disturbed areas.

4. In the case of mechanised units, not more than 3 vehicles should be taken - but the whole party must be armed and self-contained. The area covered should be where there has been trouble and where soliders are not often seen.

5. Petrol restrictions to apply in all cases, but it may hire animal ~~supp~~ transport.

6. The area Commander is very keen to see this policy implemented and directs that the unit ~~addit~~ addressed above, marked (1) will carry out this policy commencing forthwith.

Units marked (2) should carry out the policy as far as is possible.

That the Unit marked (3) should report as soon as its training is sufficiently far advanced to enable it to carry out this policy and the 3 P.W.Camp Escort Bns. should also carry also carry out this policy as far as is possible with their present role.

In the latter case the Comdt., Gp.1.P.W. Camp, must be consulted before this H.Q. is informed of the dates on which it is proposed to carry out this type of training.

7. All units addressed, will inform this H.Q. of the dates when it is proposed to implement this type of training and of the duration of the stay out of each party.

8. Upon receipt of this information, areas will be allotted to each unit concerned. Units will also state whether their parties are proceeding in M.T. or on foot.

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M. N. *Shankar*

For Revenue Commissioner, &
Civil Liaison Officer.

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No. C.L.O.135/42-43

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE

Dated ~~Bangalore~~ 20th October 1942

Camp: Mysore

FROM Rajasevaprakashta
B. T. Kesavaiengar, Esqr., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore. &
Civil Liaison Officer.

TO Mothamad-Ul-Mulk
M. G. Mehkri, Esqr., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Camp; Mysore.

SIR,

Subject:— Training - "Live on the Country parties".
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In continuation of this office letter of even number dated 12/15th October 1942 regarding the above, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of letter No.253/86/10/G dated 12-10-1942 and No.253/86/13/G dated 17-10-1942 received from the Head Quarters, Bangalore Area and request that the permission of Government may kindly be accorded early in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. Kesavaiengar
Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Liaison Officer.

HRC

1) Letter No.253/86/10/G dated 12th October 1942 of Headquarters, Bangalore Area to the Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:---Training "Live on the country parties".

Further to this H.Q. No.253/86/6/G dated 10th Oct.1942

It is proposed to commence this type of training on 1 Nov.1942, the strength of the party being about 30, and its duration away from Bangalore from 7 to 10 days.

These parties in succession will probably be out more or less continuously and will require areas from 100 to 150 miles' distance from Bangalore, from which to start.

Will you please inform this H.Q. as early as possible of the suitable areas.

2) Letter No.253/86/13/G dated 17th October 1942 of the Headquarters, Bangalore Area to the Civil Liaison Officer in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject:--Training -- "Live on the country parties"

Further to this H.Q.No.253/86/10/G dated 12 Oct.42

S.T.Cs. (I) propose sending out small parties as follows:

Scheme I.

From 1200 Hrs., 30 Oct.42 to 1200 hrs., 31 Oct 42

Area bounded by a line from Jalahalli Camp N.W. to Chikbanavar, thence to Yelahanaka, thence to Jalahalli camp.

Scheme II.

From 1200 hrs., 5 Nov.42 to 1700 hrs., 7 Nov.42.

Area bounded by a line from Jalahalli Camp N.W. to Golhalli, N.E. to Hesarghatta tank, thence S. to Jalahalli Camp.

2. Will you please confirm as early as possible that you approve of these parties moving in the areas selected.

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m. n. Ananth

For Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Liaison Officer.

"SECRET"

Camp : Mysore, 23rd Octr.'42

No. 1921/W.
- W 29-42-103.

The Revenue Commissioner and Civil Liaison
Officer in Mysore.

Subject : Training - "Live on the Country Parties".

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.C.L.O.135/42-43, dated 20-10-42 on the above subject, I am directed to state that Government approve of the scheme and that permission may be given to the parties carrying on the training. The District Magistrates may be only advised about the programme of the training parties visiting their respective Districts.

I am to request you kindly to obtain and furnish further details of the scheme.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government.



SUBJECT..... *Training & Lias on the country*
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Date of issue *23.X.42*

Signed by..... *Mr. S. K. V.*

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Serial No. *103.*

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To *Dir R. & C. D.*

Sir,
In the response
to the letter produced
ending with your
letter no R. & C. D 135/42-43
of 20-10-42 on the
above subject, I
am directed to state
that Govt approve
of the scheme and
that the same may be
given to the parties
concerned and the
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may be ~~addressed~~ only advised
about the programme
of the training parties
visiting this Res. Institute
R.I.

I am to request you
kindly to obtain and
furnish further details
of the scheme.

I have etc.

for 23/10

For chief Secy

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No. C.L.O. 135/42.43.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE,

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Dated Bangalore, ...January 9th.....1943.

FROM

Rajasevaprakashta

B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
and Civil Liaison Officer.

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Mothamed ul Mulk

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject:— 'Live on the Country Party.'

I have the honour to enclose a copy of the report written by one of the officers who accompanied the 'Live on the Country Party' from Hassan to Bangalore during the month of November 1942, received from the Commandant, 25, F.F. Regt., for the information of Government. It is stated that the Revenue and Police Officers, throughout the tour were most kind and helpful to the Party, and the villagers cooperated with them whole-heartedly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Kesavaiengar

Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

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REPORT ON 'LIVE ON THE COUNTRY' NOVEMBER 3rd 1942.

A party of one British Officer, one V.C.O. and 28 I.O.Rs proceeded from this Battalion on the above-mentioned tour.

The party marched from the lines at 1830 hours on November 3 and arrived at the City Rly. Station at 2030 hrs where they entrained for HASSAN. Excellent accommodation had been arranged by Movement Control for the men and the train departed at 2140 hrs.

We arrived at ARSIKERE at 0130 hrs on Nov. 4 where the two third class bogies were detached and the V.C.O. and myself had to change into the Mysore Carriage at 0230 hrs. The train departed for Hassan at 0430 hrs arriving at Hassan at 0600 hrs. The men were able to get a good night's rest and were fit and cheery on arrival at Hassan.

Nov. 4. The Railway authorities and the Police Inspector at Arsikere were most helpful with reference to accommodation & also with regards to inquiries I made regarding the journey by road from Hassan to Bangalore via Shravan-Belgola & suggested immediate contact with the Police and the Amildars all along the route. On arrival at Hassan I met the Rly. Sub Inspector of Police who was very helpful indeed. He took me along to see the Local Amildar who in turn took me to Deputy Commissioner of Hassan. Both the Amildar and the Deputy Commissioner were extremely charming and helpful and the latter very kindly wrote a letter to all Amildars in his District which was despatched by special messenger telling them to give all possible assistance to us on our journey through the District and also sent a copy of this letter to all other Districts which we had to pass through during our march.

I found it fairly easy with the assistance of these officials to obtain transport at Hassan and managed to obtain one bullock cart for Rs 3/- to transport out kit to Dandiganahalli, out first march a distance of 12 miles. It however proved impossible to transport all out kit in one cart and I had difficulty in obtaining a second cart and had to pay Rs 5/.

We arrived at Dodanagahalli Travellers Bungalow at 1545 hrs. The Revenue Officer together with the Patel met us and escorted us to the Bungalow. An excellent spot and we settled down comfortably. The villagers and every one were most friendly, hospitable and helpful and masses of marvellous green coconuts were produced on our arrival to quench our thirsty souls. Did we do justice to them-they were marvellous and most enjoyable after rather a hot and dusty march. The men were merry and bright and have started cooking the evening meal which smells grand. Hot tea has been made and everyone is feeling on top of the world.

The Revenue Officer and Local Patel made excellent arrangements for the purchase of all articles such as milk, butter, ghee, fowls, sheep, rice etc and were most attentive. We ~~had~~ all had an excellent meal of rice and curried chicken at 2000 hrs and the men then gave a Khattak Dance round the Camp Fire to which the Revenue Officer, Patel and the locals were invited. They appeared to be most interested in this dance and enjoyed it thoroughly and even produced instruments and a Dhole. It was difficult for the men to make contact with the villagers due to the language question and so we tried to gain contact by way of inviting the Locals to the nightly camp fire-dancing for them and passing round cigarettes. The latter gesture was needless to say extremely popular. All men in bed and asleep by 2200 hrs.

Nov 5. Early morning tea drunk and an excellent 'Bhujia' & good old Pathan Chappatties eaten. Dodanagahalli is a lovely spot and we were most comfortable and happy & a friendly atmosphere existed throughout between the men and the villagers. We marched at 0930 hrs. During the march to Chandrapatna the Platoon was exercised in 'Protection from the Air' and Pl. in the attack. Certain points were noted and have been included in a separate training note. We arrived at Chandrapatna at 1430 hours-men very cheery and fit and soon got down to making their afternoon tea and getting the cooling fires ready for the evening meal. Here again we were met by the Revenue Officer and escorted to a very fine Travellers Bungalow which had electricity and all conveniences. The Civil authorities were most helpful and it was found that supplies such as milk, eggs, fowls and vegetables of a limited variety were easily obtainable. The Revenue Officer had made excellent arrangements for the supply of all our needs and prices were satisfactory. The Amildar called to see

see soon after our arrival and I found him a pleasant person and very willing to help us in any way possible. Here again the Khattaks danced for the Locals who seemed to appreciate their efforts a great deal. This village had quite a large Muslim population and so the men were able to converse with them and a spirit of friendliness existed throughout our stay. Men were all very fit apart from a few cases of blistered feet but nothing serious. Chandrapatna is a fairly large village and a Taluk H.Qrs. and I gathered from the Amildar that the place was not greatly affected by Congress.

Nov. 6. Marched to Shravan Belagola at 0730 hrs and the Platoon was exercised in the withdrawal. We arrived at Shravan-Belagola at 1100 hrs and were met by the Revenue Officers and halted at the local Muzzafarkhana. Foodstuffs were easily obtainable at this village and again the Revenue Officers was most helpful. In conversation with him he informed me that there was a certain amount of Congress activity in the Chandrapatna taluq especially in Kantarajapur village which was about two miles from Sharavan Belagola and it was villagers from this village who had caused trouble in Sharavan-Belagola when the shooting incident took place. All was however, quite now and we found the locals, most friendly and willing to give what assistance they could. Kantarajapur village apparently has some Congress Activity - a rich village and so presumably 'money is power' and they are able to stir up the local rowdies, and get a certain following. The Revenue Officer informed me that there was plague at Hirisave, our next halt and so all purchases were made at Sharavan Belagola. Shravan Belagola is a famous Jain Shrine and a most delightful spot with a magnificent Jain Temple on the Hill top with a stone idol 60 feet high carved out of one solid rock. We marched for Hirisave at 1300 hrs after a real good meal. The weather continues to be pleasant and it has been grand marching from stage to stage. It turned out an extremely hot afternoon and we arrived at Hirisave at 1715 hrs after a very tough across country. We covered 22 miles today & the men are trifle weary but still very fit and cheery. The Revenue Officer met us at Hirisave & had made very good arrangements for the supply of foodstuffs but in view of the fact that there had been two cases of plague, we did not make any purchases. The village had been abandoned & all villagers were living in huts outside the infected area. We did not contact the locals here for fear of infection.

Nov. 7. Marched to Nelligere at 0930 hours. Weather continued excellent. It turned out to be a very hot day and we arrived at Nelligere at 1520 hrs. This village appeared to be a trifle unfriendly in as much as they were not inclined to sell any foodstuffs to us. However I saw the Local Patel and a few soft words produced an ample supply of milk, fowls etc. The Platoon bivouaced at this village for the night and the men were feeling more cheery and worked well, getting bivouacs up and ready. Nelligere is a very small village and so it was not easy to get supplies. It is always advisable to carry two days rations to meet with such contingencies as experienced at this village. The Excise Officer, from Belur visited me and was most willing and friendly.

Nov. 8. Marched to Yediyur at 0600 hrs. Arrived at Yediyur at 0815 hrs and men immediately got down to cooking the morning meal. This village is very small and it was none too easy to get supplies at first but eventually the Toll Gate Keeper - I think a Muslim - was able to procure the necessary foodstuffs which we required. Transport was difficult to obtain here and at first most ridiculous prices were asked for Bullock Carts, but we eventually got two carts for Rs 4/-. We marched to Kunigal at 1030 hrs. This was an extremely hot march and we arrived at Kunigal at 1430 hrs, having done 24 miles. The Revenue Officer and Police Daffedar met us at Kunigal and accompanied us to the most delightful Travellers Bungalow which we struck throughout the journey. A lovely place is Kunigal with a large Muslim population and the scenery and surroundings near the T.B. are magnificent. Everyone here was extremely friendly & kind. All the locals spoke Urdu which a great help and the men were able to contact them. The Revenue Officer was most helpful and we were able to make all the necessary purchases we required. A number of men suffering from sore feet after two long marches but otherwise all is well and the men are cheery and fit. No Congress influence in Kunigal. Eatables were generally expensive at this village, apparently the arrival of the Army immediately makes prices soar. Men fed well and settled down for the night at about 2000 hrs. TIRED BUT CONTENTED.

Nov. 9. Halted the whole day at Kunigal. Training carried out in the neighbourhood from 0830 to 1030 hrs.

Nov. 10. Marched to Salur at 2000 hrs. Pl was exercised in Recce Patrols and

Fighting Patrols by night. We arrived at Salur at 0100 hrs. very tired. The Revenue Officer & the Local Police were extremely attentive, kind & helpful at this village. I met the Local Doctor who was a most delightful person and most interesting. He told me there had been a few cases of Small Pox at a village about 1½ miles away. We marched for Nellamangala at 1800 hrs and arrived at 2200 hrs. We ran into our first lot of rain on the march between Salur and Nellamangala but fortunately it was just a shower. Excellent arrangements were again made for us at Nellamangala by the Rev. Officer and Local Police. All men cheery and fit.

Nov. 11. A pleasant and fresh morning. Men rested and bathed. The Local Amildar called on me at 0930 hrs. A most delightful & cultured person. No Congress influence in the town and all very quiet. We marched to Bangalore at 1500 hours and arrived at 1800 hours, & so a splendid trip ended.

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Contact. We endeavoured to make contact with the Civil Population at all the halts, on our way through, & it must be said that the villagers were very responsive once they realized that the Army had not come to 'SHOOT' em down'. The Revenue Officer and the Police throughout the tour were most kind and helpful, and certainly helped greatly to keep prices down.

Village uplift. Most advanced in Mysore State and every village pretty well has a school and dispensary. Electricity to all the main villages about every twelve to fourteen miles and of course magnificent Travellers Bungalows with all the necessary conveniences.

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Lieut-Colonel,
Commandant, 25 Frontier Force Regt.
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M. N. Ramiah

for Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Liaison Officer.

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